




DOVER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the Year 1961

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DOVER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

HEALTH COMMITTEE

To 1st June, 1961

His Worship the Mayor
(Alderman D. Bushell, J.P.)

Chairman

Alderman E. A. Bushell, M.B.E.

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Councillor A. Francis	Councillor F. A. Holmes J.P.
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Councillor G. A. McGrath	Councillor E. A. Pittock
Councillor G.M.B. Toland	

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Councillor A. K. Wheeler	

Health Department,
Brook House,
Dover.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Dover acting as the Port Health Authority of the Port of Dover.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the work of the Port Health Authority for the year 1961. The Report has been prepared in abridged form, the more detailed form of Report having been submitted last year in accordance with Ministry of Health instructions.

Shipping entering the port during the year both foreign-going and coastwise amounted to an aggregate of 6,609,144 tons, which is an increase of 422,576 tons on the figure for the previous year.

Passenger traffic also continued to increase, the total number of passengers passing through the port being over 2500,000. 373,812 aliens were landed during the year. Details of those arriving and of those dealt with by the Medical Inspector are shown in the Section on Aliens Inspection.

The provisions of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations are applied to all vessels entering the port, the initial control in the majority of cases being exercised by H.M. Customs. Twenty-eight cases of infectious or suspected infectious disease involving twenty-seven vessels were dealt with on arrival. None of the quarantinable diseases occurred.

With few exceptions ship inspections during the year showed the hygiene of vessels entering the port to be generally satisfactory.

Over 60,00 tons of foodstuffs comprising 966 cargoes were inspected under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations; 9 tons 3 cwts. were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

I have to thank H.M. Customs and Immigration Authorities and all other Departments associated with the work of the Port Health Authority for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C.F. LYNCH

Medical Officer of Health.

16th March, 1962.

SECTION I - STAFFTABLE A

The following changes occurred during the year:-

Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Medical Inspector of Aliens

Dr. J.A. Kelly, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.,
resigned with effect from 31st January, 1961.

Dr. F.O.J. Shaw, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
appointed with effect from 1st June, 1961.

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SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEARTABLE B.

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	5,687	6,335,845	34	103	27
Coastwise	498	273,299	-	23	-
Total	6,185	6,609,144	*34	126	27

* Excluding vessels from cross-channel ports

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEARTABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	(Number of Passengers	INWARDS	1,394,710
	(Number of Passengers	OUTWARDS	1,403,017
CARGO TRAFFIC	(Principal IMPORTS	General merchandise, wines, foodstuffs, coal and timber.	
	(Principal EXPORTS	Cars and general merchandise.	
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which Ships arrive:	South and West African; South American; European; Iberian; Scandinavian and Baltic.		

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Nil

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

NO CHANGE

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district:

The River Hospitals,
(Long Reach)
DARTFORD,
KENT.

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews:

Ambulance of Canterbury City Council **available** on request.

Special ambulance crew provided by the same Authority.

3. Name of Smallpox consultant available:

Medical Officer,
The River Hospitals,
(Long Reach),
DARTFORD,
KENT.

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis for smallpox:

Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale Avenue,
Colindale,
London N.W.9.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

NO CHANGE

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS, 1961TABLE D

Category:	Disease:	Number of Cases During the Year:		Number of Ships Concerned:
		Passengers:	Crew:	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Dysentery	2	-	2
	Suspected Dysentery	1	-	1
	Herpes Zoster	1	-	1
	Acute Respiratory Infection	1	-	1
	Influenza	1	-	1
	Chicken Pox	2	-	2
	Scabies	2	-	1
	Measles	5	-	5
	Ac. Primary Pneumonia	1	-	1
	Gastro-enteritis	1	-	1
	Enteritis	3	-	3
	Septic Throat	1	-	1
	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	-	2
	Diarrhoea and Vomiting	1	-	1
	Mumps	2	-	2
	Pyrexia unknown origin	1	-	1
	Pharyngitis	1	-	1
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been dis- posed of before arrival;	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases landed from other ships.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE
OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No cases of malaria occurred in vessels arriving during the year.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS
INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

No measures were necessary during 1961.

In the event of finding plague-infected rats, vessels would be boomed off and fumigation of all compartments carried out with H.C.N.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats:

Trade of port consists chiefly of cross-channel traffic, vessels of which are subjected to half-yearly routine inspections in connection with the issue of the necessary certificates under Regulation 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

Additionally, any evidence of the presence of rodents on board occurring in the interval would be immediately reported by the British Railways Authority.

Other vessels entering the port are subjected to routine inspection by the Port Health Inspectors.

Port of Dover approved and designated for the issue of both Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates under Regulation 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

2. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year:

Although no action was necessary during 1961, any rats found on ships would be sent for necessary examination to the Public Health Laboratory at Maidstone.

3. Arrangements in the district for - deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor:

Deratting carried out by contractor, viz. Fumigation Services, Limited, Barking, Essex, using Hydrogen Cyanide gas under direction of Port Health Inspectors.

Minor infestations are dealt with by the Local Authority's Rodent Operator using Warfarin mainly.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships:

No active measures requested during 1961. With regard to the cross-channel vessels, rat proofing of store-rooms effectively maintained. Any deficiencies found in these or other vessels would be brought to the attention of masters and owners.

TABLE E
RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	-
Brown rats	-
Species not known	-
Sent for examination	-
Infected with Plague	-

During the year the presence of rats on board ship was not reported by any arriving vessel nor discovered during the routine inspection carried out.

TABLE F
DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES
ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

No. of Deratting Certificates issued				No. of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumigation with H.C.N.	Other fumigant (state method)	After trapping	After Poisoning		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
-	-	-	-	-	21
					21

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G
INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES

Nature and number of Inspections. (including re-inspections)	Notices served		Result of Serving Notices
	Statutory Notices:	Other Notices:	
BRITISH VESSELS 63	-	-	-
FOREIGN VESSELS 73	-	-	-
TOTAL 136	-	-	-

No actual notices were served during the year under review, but the following action was necessary:-

1. Severe cockroach infestation reported on one British vessel together with other unsatisfactory conditions, relating to want of cleanliness in the galley. The matters were brought to the attention of the owners and, by arrangement, disinfestation measures successfully completed, while the other defects listed were also remedied.

2. A cockroach infestation on another British vessel was successfully treated.

3. On one British vessel defects of cleanliness and fittings were drawn to the attention of the ship owners, and advised to the Health Authority of the next port of call. An undertaking was received from the owners that the defects found would be remedied.

SECTION XIV
PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS
1934 and 1948
NO CHANGE

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS
(Applicable only to ports approved for the landing of Aliens)

1. List of Medical Inspectors holding Warrants of Appointment (at 31.12.61.):

Medical Officer of Health:
Deputy Medical Officer of Health:
Dr. P.H. Garrard:
Drs. D.W.J. Radcliffe, D.W. Hall and R.J.L. Davis:
Drs. A.K. Thomas and D.C. Millar:
Dr. J.J. Hughes:

2. List of other staff engaged on this work:

Mrs. V.M. Craft	Aliens Nurse
Miss E. Joy	Relief Nurse
Miss A.E. Knott	Relief Nurse
Mrs. F.M. Lamoon	Relief Nurse
Mrs. G. Nicholl	Relief Nurse

3. Organisation of work:

No change.

4. Nature and amount of Aliens Traffic:

Number of aliens arriving at the port and dealt with by the Medical Inspector:-

<u>Year:</u>	<u>Total Aliens:</u>	<u>Medically Examined:</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Medically Examined:</u>
1959	312,403	9,179	2.94
1960	359,598	11,156	3.10
1961	374,708	11,604	3.15

Categories in which aliens were examined:-

1. Holding Ministry of Labour Permits	10855
2. Intending to make their home in the United Kingdom	753
3. Visitors	196
4. Business Visitors	-
5. Returning Residents	-
6. Aliens in Transit	-
7. Others	-

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The Certificates issued to the Immigration Officer numbered 102, 21 of the aliens concerned being refused permission to land.

The rate of certificates issued in respect of aliens examined was 0.864% compared with 1.19% for the year 1960.

TABLE I

NATIONALITIES EXAMINED AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED

<u>Nationality:</u>	<u>Males:</u>	<u>Females:</u>	<u>Children:</u>	<u>Total:</u>	<u>No. of Certificates:</u>
France	88	138	1	227	1
Germany	311	2,199	5	2,515	10
Austria	86	518	1	605	5
Switzerland	47	100	1	148	1
Belgium	17	29	1	47	2
Holland	10	44	-	54	-
Luxemburg	1	4	-	5	-
Norway, Sweden, Denmark	8	54	-	62	1
Italy	2,227	1,102	52	3,381	16
Finland	-	10	-	10	-
Spain	1,092	3,015	5	4,112	10
Portugal	19	58	-	77	-
Jugoslavia	18	89	1	108	3
Mid-European States	9	17	2	28	-
Egypt	2	2	1	5	1
Iran	8	3	-	11	5
Greece	76	217	3	296	22
Turkey	19	10	-	29	10
Lebanon	7	5	-	12	1
Morocco	1	-	-	1	-
Israel	8	15	7	30	3
Iraq	6	1	-	7	6
South America	1	5	-	6	-
North America	3	2	-	5	1
Other	4	4	-	8	3
Stateless etc.	5	7	3	15	1
	4,073	7,648	83	11,804	102

TABLE II - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

	Total	Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector	Certificates Issued			
			Unsound mind or mentally defective (A)	Undesir- able for medical reasons (B)1	Inability to support and/or likely to require medical treatment (B)2	Conditionally landed for further medical examin- ation (C)
(a) Total number of Aliens landed at the Port	373,812	11,763	-	-	75	6
(b) Aliens refused per- mission to land by Immigration Officer	896	21	1	7	13	-
Total Aliens arriving	374,708	11,804	1	7	88	6

Number of Vessels attended by the Medical Inspector 1,552
(including 8 liners)

TABLE 3 - MONTHLY FIGURES OF ALIENS MEDICALLY EXAMINED

Month:	Marine Station:	Ferry Dock:	Eastern Docks:	Total:	Certificates:
January	606	35	-	641	4
February	653	33	1	687	3
March	1118	91	12	1221	9
April	1433	65	2	1500	6
May	979	111	2	1092	9
June	809	108	5	922	10
July	907	78	15	1000	16
August	809	47	6	862	7
September	1029	102	12	1143	7
October	1048	79	15	1142	20
November	743	81	7	831	4
December	716	42	5	763	7
Total	10850	872	82	11804	102

5. Accommodation for medical inspection and examination:

No change.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS(Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died from infectious disease)

No change.

SECTION XVII - FOOD INSPECTION

1. Action taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926, and the Public Health (Preservatives in Food) Regulations, 1925-1940.

966 Cargoes comprising 60,689 tons 15 hundredweights of various foodstuffs were examined during the year.

Article of Foodstuff.	Country of origin and weight (tons cwts) of foodstuffs inspected:							
	France:	Spain:	Italy:	Belgium:	Canary Islands:	U.S.A.	Israel:	Brazil:
*Fruit	433	24790	4704	398	2515	23	2200	325
Lard	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	13	13	10	19	0	18
Frozen Vegetables	99	28					Germany	
Vegetables	48	0						
Cereals etc.	201	13480	95	8	8420		-	
Salads	16				15		1	
Nuts	19	8						
Fish		11						
Eggs		91	79	564				Egypt
Frozen Prawns	Switzerland	12	5	18 $\frac{1}{2}$				3
Chocolate	45			4				13
Apple Juice	19	Jugoslavia	Bulgaria	6				
Tinned Vegetables	0			0				
*Fruit			1	216	Morocco	Turkey	Holland	Algeria
Preserved Meat		24	4	0	Greece	645	678	72
		6				16	4	4

Foodstuffs condemned during the year:-

Peaches (Greece) 9 tons. 3 cwts.

2. Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937; Articles 11 and 12:

Oversea Meat and Meat Products:

A consignment of lard from France was detained owing to irregularities in the accompanying veterinary Certificate, which did not conform with the prescribed Official Certificate. Following representation from the importers and receipt of a satisfactory report by the Public Analyst on his analysis of a sample of the lard, the consignment was allowed to proceed.

3. Number of Samples of Food examined by:-

(a) Bacteriologist:- 2 - One of canned gammon ham (Yugoslavia) and one of frozen prawns (Egypt). Both were reported to be satisfactory, no pathogenic organisms being isolated.

(b) Public Analyst: 12

Canned Gammon Ham (Yugoslavia): Canning satisfactory; meat fresh; free from preservatives and toxic metals.

Lard (France): Free from toxic metals and mineral oil; antioxidants of the gallate type absent; butylated hydroxytoluene not found. Free fatty acids percentage below accepted limit.

Tinned Tomatoes (Bulgaria): Free from arsenic and preservatives; toxic metals present in insignificant amounts only.

Peaches (Turkish): Labelling indicated fumigation with methyl bromide; presence of methyl bromide not confirmed.

Chocolate (Switzerland): Five samples, all free from arsenic, toxic metals and preservatives.

Dates (Algeria): Two samples, both free from arsenic, toxic metals and preservative, and were clean.

Apple Juice (Switzerland): Free from arsenic and toxic metals. Trace of sulphite preservative present.

